

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF OREGON  
EUGENE DIVISION

**SANFORD M.,<sup>1</sup>**

Plaintiff,

v.

Case No. 6:17-cv-00571-AC

OPINION AND ORDER

**NANCY A. BERRYHILL**, Acting  
Commissioner of the Social Security  
Administration,

Defendant.

**MOSMAN, J.**

On October 17, 2018, Magistrate Judge John V. Acosta issued his Findings and Recommendation (F&R) [28], recommending that I REVERSE and REMAND for further proceedings. Neither party objected.

**DISCUSSION**

The magistrate judge makes only recommendations to the court, to which any party may file written objections. The court is not bound by the recommendations of the magistrate judge, but retains responsibility for making the final determination. The court is generally required to make a de novo determination regarding those portions of the report or specified findings or recommendation as to which an objection is made. 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(C). However, the

<sup>1</sup> In the interest of privacy, this opinion uses only the first name and the initial of the last name of the nongovernmental party in this case.

court is not required to review, de novo or under any other standard, the factual or legal conclusions of the magistrate judge as to those portions of the F&R to which no objections are addressed. *See Thomas v. Arn*, 474 U.S. 140, 149 (1985); *United States v. Reyna-Tapia*, 328 F.3d 1114, 1121 (9th Cir. 2003). While the level of scrutiny under which I am required to review the F&R depends on whether or not objections have been filed, in either case, I am free to accept, reject, or modify any part of the F&R. 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(C).

### **CONCLUSION**

Upon review, I agree with Judge Acosta's recommendation and I ADOPT the F&R [28] in full. I REVERSE and REMAND for further proceedings.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED this 26 day of December, 2018.



MICHAEL W. MOSMAN  
Chief United States District Judge